

# World Wetland Day Celebration- 2013, Vembanad Lake

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Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE), Samyuktha kayal Samrakshana Samathi (Lake Protection forums), Vembanad Nature Club and Department of Ports, Government of Kerala celebrated World wetlands day 2013 in Vembanad wetland with wide ranging programs. The fishermen and clam collectors in the area collected plastic from the lake. Around 100 fishermen participated in the campaign which collected a total of 70 sacks. It was decided to use this plastic for making of road in the locality. In the evening a Public function was organised in the area to mark the occasion. P Thilothaman, Member of Legislative Assembly, was the chief guest of the occasion. Mrs. K Padmvathy Amma, Thanneermukkom Panchayat President, Ms. Deepa Ajithkumar Muhamma Panchayat President, Mr. Asokan, Port Conservator, Govt. of Kerala, Mr. Jojo TD, Project Coordinator, CERC ATREE, spoke on the occasion. The program concluded with special prayers for the lake and its resources.

